hazardous wastes and are listed at Sl. No. 31 of Schedule 1 of these Rules. Further, as per the provisions of these Rules; Electrical, and Electronics Assemblies are covered under Category B-1110 in Schedule 3 thereunder which are applicable for import and export of hazardous wastes. Also the import of wastes under this category are only permitted for direct reuse and not for recycling or final disposal. The CPCB has undertaken a study for the preparation of a Guideline. Document for Environmentally Sound recycling of E-waste, for use by the State Pollution Control Boards and Pollution Control Committee of the Union Territories and the concerned Industrial units.

Task force on climate change

2794. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under consideration of Government to set up a high level task force to deal with emerging climate change scenario;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the major issues on which the task force is proposed to work; and

(d) the expenditure likely to be incurred there on during the Eleventh Five Year Plan period?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The Government is in the process of forming an Expert Committee to study the impacts of climate change and to identify measures that we may have to take in the future.

Conservation of Wetlands

2795. SHRI B.J. PANDA:
MS. PRAMILA BOHIDAR:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is proposed to include Daha, Kuanria and Kanjia in Orissa State under the National Wetland Conservation Programme;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether these wetlands are eligible for funding by the Centre for conservation and development;

(d) whether there are other similarly placed wetlands in the State which need to be brought under the above Programme; and

(e) if so, the details thereof, indicating the action plan of the Centre to include them as well, for proper conservation?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI NAMO NARAIN MEENA): (a) to (c) Yes Sir, wetlands *viz.* Daha, Kuanria and Kanjia in Orissa have been identified and included under National Wetland Conservation Programme. An amount of Rs. 13.40 lakhs has been released for Kanjia wetland during 2006-07 for activities like fisheries resource development, education & awareness, biological control of weeds, management of free-floating weeds, improvement of inlet and outlet channels, etc. Financial assistance for Daha and Kuanria wetlands will be released, once they are approved by in-house Expert Committee constituted for examining wetlands' management Action Plans.

(d) and (e) Proposals for five wetlands from Orissa were received for inclusion under the National Wetland Conservation Programme for assistance, out of which, only three wetlands, *viz.*, Daha, Kuanria and Kanjia were identified.

Pollution in metro cities

†2796. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) The current status of pollution in four metropolitan cities - Delhi, Mumbai, Kolkata and Chennai in the country;

(b) whether it is also a fact that increase in the pollution level has been registered in the above said metropolitan cities during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.